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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BURGESS HILL

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of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1966.

The corrected birth rate of 20.74 showed a slight reduction on last year's record figure but still remained well above the national average (17.7) in 1966. The number of births again exceeded deaths giving a natural increase in population of 179. The corrected death rate of 10.08 remained well within the national average (11.7 in 1966). The infant mortality rate of 8.85 showed a marked reduction on last year's figure of 11.14, but such fluctuations are to be expected when dealing with small population samples and are of little significance. Of the three deaths that occurred during the first year of life, one took place during the first week and the combination of the latter with a still birth rate of 5.86 gave the exceptionally low perinatal mortality rate of 8.80.

The percentage of deaths due to carcinoma of the lung achieved the dismal record of 10.62, approximately half of the deaths having occurred in persons under the age of 60.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS.

The following tabulated figures mainly represent 'booster' injections given by your Medical Officer of Health to children in the age group 18 to 21 months at the special Immunisation Clinics in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath together with those carried out in older children, throughout the Mid-Sussex area, at routine visits to the schools.

In his Annual Report for 1966 the County Medical Officer reported that in November a letter had been received from the Ministry of Health congratulating East Sussex on being one of the nine local health authorities in England and Wales with acceptance rates for vaccination and immunisation well above the national average.

In the most recent returns it would seem that, in England and Wales as a whole, 71% of children born in 1963, and 65% of children born in 1964 had been recorded as vaccinated against poliomyelitis by the 31st December, 1965. East Sussex had percentages of 79% for children born in 1963, and 83% for children born in 1964.

IMMUNISATION - COMBINED MID-SUSSEX DISTRICTS

<u>Diphtheria:</u>	..	T.A.F.	..	272
		Diphtheria/Tetanus	..	693
		Trivax (Triple)	..	267
<u>Tetanus:</u>	..	..	..	19
<u>Others:</u>	..	Smallpox	..	312
		Poliomyelitis (Oral)	..	518
				<u>2081</u>
<u>Influenza:</u>	..	C.U.D.C. (Staff)	..	70

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND CHOLERA.

During the year 4,605 certificates were authenticated by the Health Department, an increase of 3,051 over the previous year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Eighty-nine cases of infectious disease were notified during the year and, of the total notifications received, 80 were due to measles, six to infective hepatitis and three to dysentery.

Infective hepatitis.

The six cases which were notified during the year occurred sporadically throughout the district. In the neighbouring Rural District many cases of infective hepatitis occurred at a Preparatory Boarding School and during the foregoing outbreak, which smouldered on throughout the year, a total of 30 cases was reported. At no time was there any evidence of dissemination of the infection via the school kitchen and it was, in fact, possible to establish at an early stage (based on known contact between one case and another) that the incubation period was approximately thirty-five days. In spite of early intervention by the Senior Public Health Inspector (Cuckfield Rural) and myself, which lead to a general tightening up of environmental hygiene at the school, the outbreak continued throughout the year and finally spilt over into the surrounding district where sporadic cases appeared in the late Autumn. When, on investigation, it was found that the father of one of the foregoing was employed as a key worker in a food factory in the Cuckfield Urban District, it became necessary to take immediate steps to deal with the situation in the interests of public health. With the co-operation of the management and of the employee, the latter was requested to cease work for a period of at least six weeks and payment of compensation for loss of earnings was arranged in accordance with the provisions of section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1961.

Influenza Outbreak at a Boys' Boarding School.

In late January a family doctor with responsibilities for the medical care of a Boys' Boarding School in the southern half of the Mid-Sussex area reported an outbreak of an "Influenza-like" illness in the lower school.

On the 4th February I visited the school with the District Public Health Inspector and took blood from two acute cases. This procedure was repeated with the same two boys on the 25th February, the blood samples on both occasions being submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton. On the 11th March the laboratory reported that both pairs of sera taken from the cases referred to above showed a rise of titre in antibodies consistent with a diagnosis of infection with influenza virus B. Often influenza is suspected in an area on clinical grounds alone but little attempt is made to identify the virus. I was, therefore, particularly grateful on this occasion to have been given an early warning by the doctor attending the school.

Sonne dysentery at a Residential Nursery in the Mid-Sussex Area. (Westminster City Council).

In late January two cases of Sonne dysentery were notified in children who had recently been admitted to the Nursery from the London area. The incident was discussed with the matron and nothing further was heard until mid-March when the family doctor in charge informed me that a child, who had been admitted to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children for observation, had been found to be excreting *Shigella sonnei*. Faecal specimens were collected from all the children and staff in the Nursery and, in due course, the Public Health Laboratory reported that eight children and three adults were positive excretors. Arrangements were made for all the staff and children to receive a course of oral Streptomycin and a disinfectant hand rinse was advised for the staff following normal "scrubbing up" procedures. It was also suggested that, in the case of the children, hexachlorophane dusting powder should be used as part of the toilet drill. No further admissions to the Nursery were allowed at this stage.

In due course three consecutive negative specimens were obtained from the original positive excretors, and the Medical Officer to the Nursery was informed that, as far as my department was concerned, there was no reason why the Nursery should not reopen. During this incident over forty specimens were collected and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory by the Public Health Department.

ISOLATION OF BRUCELLA ABORTUS FROM UNTREATED MILK.

Brucella abortus was isolated from a sample of milk produced at a farm in the Urban district. As the greater part of the milk produced at the farm is pasteurised no problem of general public health arose, but it was necessary to warn the farmer that his family and employees were at risk if they continued to drink untreated milk. The District Veterinary Officer was informed in order that he might be given an opportunity of identifying the offending animal(s) if he considered it to be a worth while exercise.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY.

The Unit visited Burgess Hill during each month from January to August, 1966.

I am indebted to Dr. Rigden, the Director, for the following analysis of the figures resulting from the Survey.

	Male	Female	Total
Number of persons X-rayed	141	221	362
<u>ABNORMALITIES FOUND:</u>			
Tubercle requiring occasional chest clinic supervision	-	2	2
Non-malignant neoplasms	1	1	2
Acquired cardio-vascular disease ..	3	3	6
Pneumonitis, pneumonia, etc. ..	2	2	4
Pulmonary fibrosis (non-T.B.) ..	1	-	1
Abnormalities of diaphragm and/or oesophagus	-	3	3
Pleural effusion (non-T.B.) ..	1	-	1
Other abnormalities	11	8	19
Total abnormalities	19	19	38

Out of a total of 362 persons presenting themselves for chest radiography only two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were discovered and neither of these required treatment or close chest clinic supervision.

WATER SUPPLY.

- (i) The water for the whole of the Urban District is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. This was satisfactory in quality and quantity.
- (ii) The Company carried out monthly bacteriological examination of the raw water and all were satisfactory. The water was chlorinated.
- (iii) The supply is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.
- (iv) There was no evidence of the supply being contaminated.
- (v) With the exception of two houses, one of which is unoccupied, all are provided with a piped supply direct to the house.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

Section 47.

This Section provides for the compulsory removal from their homes of elderly, infirm or incapacitated persons who are not receiving proper care and attention. Such persons are often living on their own under poor and insanitary conditions and although it was not necessary to take formal action under this Section, several cases were investigated during the year.

HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION.

With the enthusiastic co-operation of local schools and other agencies the Burgess Hill Urban District Council sponsored a Home Safety Exhibition in November at the Women's Institute Hall. One of the main features of the Exhibition was a display of Home Safety Posters by local schoolchildren for which prizes were awarded by the Burgess Hill Council.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

During the year medical examinations were carried out for the following authorities:-

Cuckfield Rural District	..	..	2
Cuckfield Urban District	..	..	1
Burgess Hill Urban District	..	..	-
East Sussex County Council	..	..	65

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Hobson, Senior Public Health Inspector, for his help and co-operation in the work of the department and for the particulars which he has supplied for this report. I also wish to record my appreciation to other members of the staff for their loyal support during the year, particularly Miss Everson, my Secretary.

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the Council, particularly the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee, for their support and also the officers and staff in other departments for their help during the year.

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Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health	D. M. Richardson, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Eng.) D.I.H. (Eng.) (Also Medical Officer of Health to Cuckfield Rural and Cuckfield Urban Districts and Medical Officer (Part-time) to East Sussex County Council)
Senior Public Health Inspector	..	..	..	J. W. Hobson, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., (Certificates of Royal Society of Health as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, and in Sanitary Science)
Additional Public Health Inspector	S. J. Perry, M.A.P.H.I. (Diploma of Royal Society of Health as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods)
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Rodent Operator	Mr. S. W. Cook

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Summary of Statistics for the years:

			<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Area of District in Acres	..	..	2,024	2,024	2,024
Population estimated to middle of year	..	..	15,490	16,100	16,500
Rateable Value	..	..	£793,457	£826,956	£900,932
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	£3,200	£3,400	£3,760
Density of Population (persons per acre)	..	..	7.65	7.95	8.15
Number of Houses	..	..	5,305	5,476	5,779
Birth Rate (corrected) per 1000 population	..	..	20.73	22.52	20.74
Death Rate (corrected) per 1000 population	..	..	11.94	9.02	10.08
Infant Mortality Rate	..	..	9.43	11.14	8.85

Still Births

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	168	333
Illegitimate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
								<u>168</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>339</u>
Live Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (crude) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..				20.54
Live Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (corrected) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..				20.74
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births										1.77

Still Births

<u>Still Births</u>							<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
<u>Total Still Births</u>							<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (live and still births)									5.86
							<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Live and Still Births				..	..	..	169	172	341

Infant Deaths

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>										
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	-	-	-
				Total	..	..	..	2	1	3

Infant Mortality Rates:-

(a)	All infants per 1000 live births	.. ..	8.85
(b)	Legitimate infants, per 1000 legitimate live births		9.01
(c)	Illegitimate infants, per 1000 illegitimate live births		0.00

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
				Total	1	-	1

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	2.95
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Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

								<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
				Total				1	-	1

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	2.95
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<u>Perinatal Mortality</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Still Births and Deaths under 1 week ..	2	1	3
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births			
(a) Burgess Hill Urban			8.80
(b) Mid-Sussex Area			23.45

Maternal Mortality

Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	1
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	2.93

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
All Causes	84	76	160
Death Rate per 1000 of the population (crude)			9.70
Death Rate per 1000 of the population (corrected)			10.08

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT

	1965	1966
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system (Coronary disease)	59 (41.84%) 33 (23.40%)	73 (45.62%) 44 (27.50%)
(ii) Cancer (all sites) (Cancer of Lung and Bronchus) ..	29 (20.57%) 9 (6.38%)	34 (21.25%) 17 (10.62%)
(iii) Vascular lesions of the nervous system	16 (11.35%)	27 (16.87%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (including tuberculosis) (Respiratory tuberculosis) ..	13 (9.22%) Nil	5 (3.12%) Nil

CAUSES OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

<u>Cause</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Meningitis, septicaemia. (Bleeding disorder) ..	1 month
2. Congenital heart disease	8 months
3. Kernicterus. Haemolytic disease of the newborn. Rh. Immunisation	3 days

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT

					<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..		-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	-	-
8.	Measles	..	..	..	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases				-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..		-	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..			13	4
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..		-	2
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..		-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms				11	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	..	..	..	-	-
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	..			13	14
18.	Coronary disease, angina	..	..		22	22
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..			1	3
20.	Other Heart disease	..	..	..	7	10
21.	Other circulatory disease	..	..		4	4
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	2	-
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	2	1
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system				-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..			-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..			1	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	1	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..		-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..			-	1
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..		-	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases				5	5
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..		1	-
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	-	2
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	1	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..			-	-
	Totals	..			84	76

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities:

The following Laboratories are utilised for the examination of specimens:-

Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.
Cuckfield Hospital Laboratory.
Public Analyst's Laboratory at Lewes.

I would like to express my thanks to the Directors of the above Laboratories for their assistance, particularly Dr. J. E. Jameson, of the Brighton Public Health Laboratory, for his helpful advice on many occasions.

Ambulance Facilities:

Cases of infectious disease are removed by one of the East Sussex County Council's ambulances stationed at Haywards Heath Ambulance Station, Bridge Road, Haywards Heath.

Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Diseases:

Twenty-six beds are available at the Goddards Green Hospital for the treatment of cases of infectious disease, twelve of these beds are in a cubicle block and the other fourteen in a block consisting of two main wards and side wards.

A table on page 15 gives particulars of admissions during the year.

Smallpox:

The South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board state that cases of smallpox occurring in this district should be sent to the River Hospitals (Long Reach), Dartford, Kent.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

<u>Infant Welfare Centre:</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road, Burgess Hill.	Every Thursday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon (Toddlers only) Dr. attends each session.
	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill.	Every Monday 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon (Toddlers only) Dr. attends each session
<u>Clinics:</u>		
<u>Ante Natal</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road, Burgess Hill.	3rd Tuesday 2 p.m.
	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill.	1st and 2nd Tuesday 2 p.m.
<u>Relaxation Classes</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road, Burgess Hill.	Every Wednesday 2.30 p.m.
	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill.	Every Thursday 2.30 p.m.
<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road, Burgess Hill.	1st Monday 2.15 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
<u>Chest</u>	Haywards Heath Hospital	Thursdays 9.30 a.m. (By appointment)
	Cuckfield Hospital	Every Thursday 2 p.m. Diagnostic
<u>Orthopaedic</u>	B.R.C.S. Centre, Paddockhall Road, Haywards Heath.	<u>Orthopaedist</u>
		2nd Tuesday 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
		<u>Physiotherapist</u>
		Tuesday 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
		Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
		2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
<u>Speech Therapy</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Mill Road, Burgess Hill.	Wednesday 9 30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (By appointment)
	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill.	Wednesday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. (By appointment)

Clinics (continued)

Child Guidance

East Grinstead Moat Road. Every Thursday
(By appointment)

Burgess Hill E.S.C.C. Clinic,
Mill Road. Every Friday
(By appointment)

Lewes Castlegate House. Every Wednesday
(By appointment)

Portslade Old Shoreham Road. Tuesday morning
Thursday
(By appointment)

Crowborough Mead House, Beacon Road. Every Tuesday
(By appointment)

Eye Refractions Haywards Heath Hospital Every Friday morning
(School children) (By appointment)

Sussex Street Clinic,
Brighton. Alternate Thursday mornings
(By appointment)

Minor Ailments E.S.C.C. Clinic,
Mill Road, Burgess Hill. As required.

Dental E.S.C.C. Clinic,
Royal George Road,
Burgess Hill. By appointment

Cancer Prevention

Burgess Hill E.S.C.C. Clinic,
Mill Road. 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings.
1st and 3rd Thursday evenings.
(By appointment)

E.S.C.C. Clinic,
Royal George Road. 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings.
2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings.
(By appointment)

Haywards Heath E.S.C.C. Clinic,
Oaklands. 1st and 3rd Tuesday 6.30 p.m.
Every Wednesday (except 1st)
10 a.m.
(By appointment)

East Grinstead Moat Road. Every Wednesday morning.
1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday
evenings.
(By appointment)

Clinics (continued)

* <u>Family Planning</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Royal George Road, Burgess Hill.	Every Monday 6.45 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. Dr. each session. (By appointment)
	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Boltro Road, Haywards Heath.	2nd and 4th Wednesday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. each session. (By appointment)
* <u>Sub-Fertility</u>	E.S.C.C. Clinic, Oaklands, Boltro Road, Haywards Heath.	1st Wednesday 2.15 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Dr. each session. (By appointment)

Venereal Diseases

Facilities available at the Royal Sussex County Hospital,
Brighton.

<u>Women</u>	Tuesday	4 p.m.
	Thursday	10 a.m.
<u>Men</u>	Monday	4.30 p.m.
	Wednesday	10 a.m.
	Thursday	2 p.m.
<u>Men and Women</u>	Friday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
	New patients by appointment only.	

* These Clinics are provided by the Family Planning Association.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Total cases notified	Under 1 year	1 -	2 -	3 -	4 -	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths
Dysentery	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	80	1	6	10	11	15	36	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	89	2	6	10	11	15	39	3	2	-	1	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1966.

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS 1954 - 1966

Year	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
1954	10	1	1	-
1955	8	-	-	-
1956	3	-	1	-
1957	3	1	-	-
1958	10	1	-	-
1959	5	-	-	-
1960	3	-	-	-
1961	6	-	-	-
1962	-	2	1	-
1963	2	-	-	1
1964	-	-	-	-
1965	-	-	-	-
1966	1	-	-	-

GODDARDS GREEN HOSPITAL, HASSOCKS

I am indebted to the Matron for the following particulars of cases admitted during the year:-

Disease	Cuckfield Rural District	Cuckfield Urban District	Burgess Hill Urban District	Other Districts	Total
Diarrhoea	1	-	-	-	1
Streptococcal Throat	-	1	-	-	1
Vincent's Angina	-	1	-	-	1
Tonsillitis	-	1	-	-	1
Bronchitis	-	-	-	1	1
Asthma	-	-	-	1	1
Influenza	1	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-	-	3
Measles	-	2	-	1	3
Rubella	1	1	-	-	2
Chickenpox	1	-	-	1	2
Mumps	1	-	-	4	5
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	1
Glandular Fever	-	-	-	1	1
Infective Hepatitis	2	1	-	-	3
Jaundice	1	-	-	-	1
Scabies	1	-	-	-	1
Psoriasis	-	-	-	1	1
Dermatitis	-	-	-	1	1
Herpes Zoster	1	-	-	-	1
Post-operative Prostatectomy	-	-	-	1	1
Genito Urinary	2	-	-	43	45
Varicose Ulcers	3	-	-	22	25
Convalescence (Accident)	-	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis	1	1	-	18	20
Tuberculosis and Diabetes	-	-	-	1	1
Total	19	10	-	96	125

The Cubicle Block allowed twenty-four different diseases, observation cases or diseases with complications to be dealt with.

CASES ADMITTED TO FOREDOWN HOSPITAL, PORTSLADE

Disease	Cuckfield Rural District	Cuckfield Urban District	Burgess Hill Urban District	Total
Mild Virus Meningitis	1	-	-	1
Observation Meningitis	-	-	1	1
Mumps/Meningitis	-	1	-	1
Encephalitis (Post-measles)	1	-	-	1
Observation Glandular Fever	-	1	-	1
Sonne Dysentery	2	-	-	2
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	1	2	1	4
Persistent Vomiting	-	-	1	1
Measles	1	-	1	2
Rubella	1	-	-	1
Mild Virus Infection	1	-	-	1
Stridor	-	-	1	1
Migraine	1	-	-	1
Quinsy	-	-	1	1
Total	9	4	6	19

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUMMARY OF VISITS CARRIED OUT

Dwelling-houses inspected - general	181
Revisits carried out	281
Visits in connection with Improvement Grants	122
Visits in connection with Aged Persons	3
Visits in connection with Water Supplies	4
Infectious Disease and Food Poisoning	39
Food Inspection	86
Food Premises	64
Movable Dwellings	4
Factories and Building Sites	11
Petroleum Acts	58
Smoke Inspections	3
Pest Infestations	13
Rats and Mice	4
Swimming Pool	2
Cesspools and Sewage Disposal	19
Defective Drainage	32
Offices and Shops Act visits	305
Pollution of Water Courses	1
Cinemas, etc.	3
Animal Boarding Establishments	1
Noise Nuisances	35
Miscellaneous visits	19
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Total visits made by Public Health Inspectors	1290
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Total visits made by Rodent Operator re	
Rats and Mice Destruction	2636
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SAMPLES TAKEN

Water (public supply) Bacteriological	5
Swimming Pool - Bacteriological	2
Ice-cream - Bacteriological	1
Milk - Biological	16
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	24
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LICENCES ETC. ISSUED.

Licences to act as a slaughterman	4
Licence to keep a pet shop	1
Licences to store petroleum spirit	30
Caravans — Site licences	6
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	41
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS
MEAT, MILK, ETC.

Number and type of Food Premises:

Supermarkets	3
Grocery and provision	33
Butchers	15
Fishmongers	7
Fruit and Vegetables	9
Cakes, bread and confectionery	4
Sugar confectionery	19
Hotel, restaurants and cafes	9
Canteens, schools and institutions	19
Licensed premises	10
Off-Licensed stores	6
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	134
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Number and type of premises registered under Section 16
Food and Drugs Act, 1955:

For the manufacture of sausages	11
For the storage and sale of ice-cream	47
For the manufacture of preserved food	4
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	62
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Number of inspections carried out:

Ice-cream premises	4
Grocers' shops	11
Cafes, restaurants, hotels	14
Confectioners	3
Wine stores and licensed premises	7
Supermarkets	7
Canteens	7
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Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959:

Number of Distributors retailing in district	5
Number of Retailers registered for sale of bottled milk only	24

Milks direct from producers taken for Biological tests including Brucella abortus:

Number of samples taken	16
Number satisfactory	15 *

(* see page 3)

Ice-cream:

Number of samples taken	1
Number satisfactory (Grade I)	1

General Inspection of Foods:

During the year 99 lbs. tinned meat and 144 lbs. fish were surrendered for the purpose of destruction, and certificates issued, mainly for the purpose of enabling claims to be made and stocks to be accounted for.

In addition, 3,693 items of foodstuffs were surrendered due to breakdown of refrigerated storage cabinets, and general deterioration. Condemned food is taken to the refuse tip and buried.

The number of persons reporting the presence of foreign objects in articles of food appears to be increasing and several cases were dealt with during the year. In most cases warning letters were sent to the manufacturers concerned, but in the case of a loaf of bread containing a piece of string, the firm responsible was prosecuted and fined.

Food Hygiene:

Regular inspections of all food premises were carried out during the year, and it was found that hygiene standards were generally satisfactory.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Only one chimney gave occasional trouble and visits were made to the premises concerned, as a result of which the situation has been much improved.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

The number of visits made during the year for inspection and treatment totalled 2,636, involving 669 separate premises. Two hundred and thirty-two infestations of rats and 49 infestations of mice were found and treated and 669 bodies were recovered. Private dwelling-houses were treated free of charge but in the case of business premises the cost of the work has been recovered.

The refuse tip has been regularly inspected but there has been no serious infestation. Two treatments have been carried out on the tip site.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The cesspool emptying scheme has continued to work successfully during the year and 112 emptyings were carried out totalling 127 loads. This service has been carried out by the combined cesspool/gully emptying machine owned by the Council.

Several more cesspools have recently been abolished because of connection of properties to main drainage, or demolition of properties in consequence of new development.

PETROLEUM STORAGE AND LICENSING

This duty again occupied a considerable amount of time as there are 31 licensed storage premises in the district, and 58 visits were made to ensure satisfactory conditions.

Large quantities of petroleum mixtures which come under the Act are manufactured, stored or used in some of the premises on the Industrial Estate, and special provision has to be made for its safe keeping.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Work has continued on the improvement of older properties by the use of Discretionary and Standards Grants, and some very successful schemes have been carried out. Both owners and tenants of the properties concerned have been very appreciative of the improvements which have been made.

During the year ten applications for Discretionary Grants, and ten for Standard Grants were received and dealt with. Eight Discretionary Grants were approved to a total value of £2,374 and eight Standard Grants were also approved. The total amount paid in respect of completed Standard Grants was £469.

It is considered that the scheme of Improvement Grants will continue to play an important part in ensuring the continued useful life of the older properties in the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act applies to all shops, offices and railway premises in which persons are employed and these are required to be registered with the Local Authority.

The following is a summary of the total number of shops, offices etc., now registered.

Retail shops	131
Offices (excluding offices in factory premises)	57
Warehouses and wholesale shops	5
Catering establishments	<u>11</u>
Total:	<u>204</u>

Systematic inspections of shops, offices, warehouses, etc., were begun in 1965, and were completed in 1966; the total number of inspections and visits during 1966 was 305.

New ground was broken in that inspections were made of all office premises for the first time. It was gratifying to note that, although never previously inspected, offices generally came up to a very high standard. A number of minor contraventions were noted, details of which are set out below. In all cases, these contraventions were brought to the notice of the proprietors of the businesses concerned, and have now been remedied.

Nature of Contraventions

Cleanliness	1
Overcrowding	2
No thermometer provided	8
Defective sanitary conveniences	3
Inadequate washing facilities	8
No first-aid box provided	5
Machinery not properly guarded	1
Worn floor coverings	<u>1</u>
Total:	<u>29</u>

Accidents.

During the year three accidents were reported, all of a minor character, as follows:-

1. Sprained ankle sustained when shop assistant fell down steps.
2. Fractured heel resulting from a warehouseman climbing up storage racks and falling.
3. Injury to finger sustained whilst removing meat from slicing machine.

All accidents were investigated and reports sent to the appropriate officers of the Ministry.

FACTORIES

On the Industrial Estate there has been a small increase in the number of new factories and visits have been made for various purposes. Works of building construction have been inspected as time permitted.

The required information in tabular form is as follows:-

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	82	10	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	8	4	-	-
Totals	90	14	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133 (1) (c)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
<u>Wearing apparel:</u>						
Making etc.	24	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There is only one public swimming bath in the Urban District, namely the open air swimming pool in St. Johns Park. This is owned by the Council and operated by its own staff. The pool measures 100 feet by 40 feet, the depth being from 2ft. 6ins. to 8ft. 6ins. The construction is of reinforced concrete, the walls being finished with green polished cement tiles and an area surrounding the pool is enclosed for the use of spectators and sun bathers.

The capacity of the pool is 132,000 gallons, and the circulating and filtration plant is capable of a complete turnover of the water in a period of six hours. The purification process consists of filtration, and aeration followed by breakpoint chlorination applied by a dosing mechanism to regulate the delivery of chlorine gas to the water. Water for initial filling and for topping up is obtained from the mains.

Throughout the season no difficulty was encountered in maintaining the water in a satisfactory physical and bacteriological condition. Regular tests for the presence of chlorine were carried out and bacteriological samples showed very satisfactory results.

